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SUBJ: GOZ TRANSPORT MIOPISTER TELEGRAM TO EXIM BANK ON
FINANCING COMMERICAL AIRCRAFT PURCHASES

1. STATE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT EKETEBI SENT MESSAGE
IN FRENCH TO EXIM BANK APRIL 24 ON SUBJECT ZAIRIAN PURCHASE
OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT WITH COPY TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY TRANS-
LATION OF HIS MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE YOUR STUDY OF APPLI-
CATION FOR FINANCING PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT INTRODUCED BY
ZAIRE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (I. E. GOV. OF ZAIRE)
THROUGH MY LETTER OF FEBRUARY 13, 1973, AND IN VIEW OF
FIRST TRANCHE OF AROUND \$75 MILLION THAT YOU WOULD AGREE
TO PUT UP FOR THIS, I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT
THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT YOU CONSIDER
AS FIRM THE USE OF THIS CREDIT TO PURCHASE ONE DC-10,
TWO BOEING 737' S AND ONE BOEING 747. WE ESTIMATE THE
TOTAL COST (AIRCRAFT, SPARE ENGINES, SPARE PARTS AND
GROUND EQUIPMENT, ETC) FOR EACH OF THESE TYPES OF AIR-
CRAFT AS 27.5 MILLION DOLLARS, 14.8 MILLION (FOR TWO)
AND 33.6 MILLIONS RESPECTIVELY. MOREOVER, I CONFIRM
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THAT THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL ASSUME ALL FINANCE CHARGES FOR THESE PURCHASES BY INCLUDING IN ITS INVESTMENT BUDGET AN ANNUAL CREDIT TO PROVIDE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE FINANCING AND ALSO TO COVER ANY LOSSES TO AIR ZAIRE WHICH MAY RESULT FROM OPERATION OF THE NEW AIRCRAFT. IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE DELIVERY AND PUTTING INTO SERVICE OF THE AIRCRAFT TO BE ACQUIRED, AIRE ZAIRE HAS UNDERTAKEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KSSU GROUP FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE DC-10 AIRCRAFT, WITH KLM FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE 747 AIRCRAFT, AND WITH BOEING FOR MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE GUEU AIRCRANT.

3. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH UNDERSTANDING EXACT POSITION OF EXIM BANK IN ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS CASE, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE VERY GRATEFUL IF, IN VIEW OF THE EVER- INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE EXPLOITATION BY AIR ZAIRE OF THE INTERNAL AIR NETWORK AND THE INDISPENSABLE NEED TO BEEF UP THE FLEET OF AIRCRAFT SERVING THE INTERNAL NETWORK, EXIM BANK WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER A SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRESENT FINANCING TO PERMIT THE PURCHASE OF A THIRD B-737.

4. I REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER MY LETTER OF FEBRUARY 13, 1973, APPLICATION FOR FINANCING, AS BEING AMENDED BY THE PRESENT TELEGRAM SO THAT THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING FINANCING OF OUR PURCHASE OF SPARE PARTS, GROUND EQUIPMENT, ETC., WILL ALSO BE MODIFIED APPROPRIATELY IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE NEW AIRCRAFT CHOICES HERE DECIDED. THE SAME OVERALL TERMS OF FINANCING ARE REQUESTED.

5. I URGENTLY CALL YOU ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT DELIVERY OF FIRST DC-10 IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28, 1973 AND THAT ALL PREPARATIONS FOR RECEIVING THIS AIRCRAFT ARE BEING MADE BY AIR ZAIRE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD GIVE THIS MESSAGE YOUR BENEVOLENT ATTENTION IN VIEW OF CERTAIN DEADLINES. SINCERELY. EKETEBI
MOYIDIBA MONDJOLOMBA. END QUOTE.
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